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CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 96-106

Comments

[NOTE: All citations to “Manual” in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated October 1994.]

2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code

The rule does not have an introductory clause. [See s. 1.02 (1), Manual.]

5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

a. A number of terms used in the rule are not defined or do not correspond to terms that are defined in the statutes:

- (1) The term “conduit member” is used in s. ElBd 1.855 (1) but not defined.
- (2) The term “candidate’s committee” is used in s. ElBd 1.855 (2) but “personal campaign committee” is defined in s. 11.01 (15), Stats., and used throughout ch. 11, Stats.
- (3) Since the statutes define a “political party” as a committee [s. 5.02 (13), Stats.], in s. ElBd 1.855 (2), the phrase “legislative campaign, political party or support committee” should be replaced with “legislative campaign committee, political party or support committee.” Also, since “support committee” is not included in the definitions sections of ch. 5 or 11, Stats., it would be helpful if the reference to these committees in s. ElBd 1.855 (2) included a cross-reference to s. 11.18, Stats., where those committees are authorized and the term is implicitly defined. This could be accomplished by referring to a “support committee under s. 11.18, Stats.”

- (4) The term “in-kind” contribution, used in s. ElBd 1.855 (2), is not defined. To provide a definition, that subsection could be amended to refer to an “in-kind contribution as defined in s. ElBd 1.20 (1) (e)”.
- b. In s. ElBd 1.855 (2) and (3), “must” should be replaced by “shall.” [See s. 1.01 (2), Manual.]
- c. For consistency with s. ElBd 1.855 (2), sub. (3) should begin with “A contribution”.